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Elba Volunteer Fire Department's airboat proves invaluable in weekend rescue

Local emergency responders help injured person off Pea River

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The importance of teamwork and having the right equipment available meant the difference in life and death Saturday afternoon, May 4, for a man tubing on the Pea River in Coffee County north of Weeks Bridge.

Around 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon, Coffee County's Central Dispatch received a 911 call indicating a male subject on the river had suffered a lacerated foot while tubing. Based on the location given, the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched for the river rescue.

New Brockton requested mutual aid from the Elba Volunteer Fire Department for use of Elba's Airboat 1.

"A call can grow into a complex issue when it's on the river," said Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker. "We're

the only ones in the county with an airboat, which is why New Brockton called us for help."

Ever since the dam broke several years back below Elba on the Pea River, Parker said traditional style boats don't really work in traversing the river. He said an airboat or helicopter are pretty much the only way to access those stranded and/or injured on the river in need of assistance.

"Elba's airboat is really the only thing that can traverse the river in these type situations," Parker said.

With some 50-55 miles of the Pea River running through Coffee County, not having an airboat would make accessibility very limited for emergency responders and delay rescues even more for those in need.

At the time of dispatch for Saturday's river rescue, it was reported to responders that the subject



Enterprise Rescue's Air 1 helicopter is shown landing last Saturday afternoon, May 4, on Weeks Bridge on Coffee County Road 248 to be ready to transport an injured person being rescued off the Pea River. Coffee County Deputies closed the road/bridge to allow the landing zone to be set up on the bridge. Elba Firefighters used the department's airboat to assist New Brockton firefighters in reaching the injured person and bringing him off the river while Enterprise Rescue medics administered medical care on the boat.

had a makeshift tourniquet applied and was possibly losing consciousness. It was also reported the injured subject and his party had reached a log jam and were unable to continue due to

his condition.

Parker said as more information was given to dispatch from the subjects on the river, the more responders realized the need to reach the party quickly to

be able to assist the injured person.

Elba fire units were attempting to launch the airboat from Weeks Bridge but could not do so due to a sand buildup at the ramp

there. It was at that point that the Flatiron Military Rescue helicopter from Fort Novosel was requested to respond to possibly conduct a hoist operation if the patient could not be reached by boat in a timely manner.

Parker said the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency got involved to assist in getting the sand cleared from the ramp at Weeks Bridge. They contact the Coffee County Highway Department, and an employee with that department was able to respond quickly with a piece of equipment that just happened to be located nearby to remove the sand and open the boat ramp to allow for the airboat to launch safely.

"There were a lot of different parts working in this rescue because we had

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Elba Police arrest man on rape, sodomy and sexual abuse of a child under age 12

An Elba man remains in jail this week after his arrest Wednesday, May 1, on rape, sodomy, and sexual abuse charges.

According to information released by 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox, Elba Police arrested Sean Keith Williamson, age 23, last Wednesday on two counts of rape – first degree, two counts of sodomy – first degree, and five counts of sexual abuse of a child under 12 years of age.

"Defendant Williamson is accused of sexually abusing a 9-year-old female who lived in the house where the defendant resided," Tarbox said. "The District



Sean Keith Williamson

Attorney's Office has been in ongoing communication with investigators with the Elba Police Department about these charges. Based upon the seriousness of the charges, four of which are Class A felonies under the

laws of the state of Alabama, the DA's Office has asked the District Court of Coffee County to schedule a hearing pursuant to code section 15-13-3, known as Aniah's Law.

Williamson is being held without bond at the Coffee County Jail pending the Aniah's Law hearing.

"Due to the nature of this case and to protect the integrity of the investigation, no further comment will be made regarding this matter," Tarbox said.

Elba Police Lt. Russ Young said of the case, "Once we were made aware, this case was closed quickly due to the extraordinary work of Inv. Spence."

In celebration of National Principal's Day last week

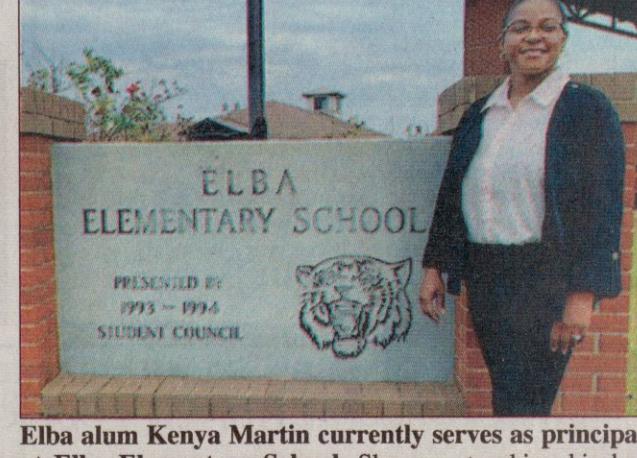
Elba Elementary principal lauded by staff

by Linda Hodge, Editor

All across the nation, school principals were honored Wednesday, May 1, for National Principals Day, and Elba Elementary School principal Kenya Martin was among those showered with gifts, kind words of encouragement, and more.

A post of the Elba Elementary School Facebook page, noted the following about Principal Martin, "We would like to wish Mrs. Kenya Martin a very happy National Principal Day!! She is the absolute best! To know her is to love her. She's a natural born leader, knows how to handle the many different personalities and situations she encounters daily, and can make anyone feel like a million bucks. She's caring, loving, and godly! She is the perfect example of how hard work and dedication can make one successful. She is deserving of all good things. She loves to cheer on her Tigers, dance at pep rallies, and can still do a pretty awesome cartwheel. She is so much more than her job title, and she always goes above and beyond what's expected of her! She is a lovely mother, Gigi, and friend. We are extremely grateful and blessed to have her as our principal here at EES and wouldn't want to have it any other way!"

Martin is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School. She



Elba alum Kenya Martin currently serves as principal at Elba Elementary School. She says teaching is her passion, and she takes great pride in investing into the future leaders of Elba - her students.

received her Associate's degree from Enterprise State Junior College [now known as Enterprise State Community College]. She then went on to further her education

at Troy University where she obtained her Bachelor's of Science degree in education, a Master's of Science

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Home Grounds Regional Extension Agent comes to Coffee County serving Southeast Alabama area

Southeast Alabama has a new Home Grounds Regional Extension Agent that will be housed in Coffee County. Emily Wismer will cover Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Geneva, and Pike Counties. She will also coordinate the Coffee and Pike County Master Gardener Associations.

Wismer started her new career with Alabama Extension on April 22nd. Her prior experience was with the City of Andalusia as city horticulturist.



Wismer is a graduate of Auburn University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in horticulture.

She said she is excited to begin her new career with Alabama Extension and is looking forward to helping homeowners with their lawns, gardens, flower beds, and any other horticultural questions they may have. To contact Wismer, call the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596, or email ekw0038@auburn.edu.



The Coffee County Board of Education voted last Thursday evening, May 2, to purchase some property from Bill and Myra Mullins in Kinston to make way for new baseball/softball fields and facilities at that school. Above, Bill and Myra Mullins are shown seated with Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb (right). Board members pictured (in back) are Sherry Eddins, Brandi Carr, Galen McWaters, and Brian McLeod.

Making way for baseball/softball field and facilities in Kinston

Coffee County BOE votes to purchase land

by Linda Hodge, Editor

adjacent to the school possible."

The superintendent said the Mullins, who were in attendance for last week's board meeting, agreed to sell the land to the Coffee County Board of Education through initial communications with school system employees, Tim Bedsole and Dewayne Hamilton.

"We certainly appreciate Mr. Bill and Ms. Myra's willingness and efforts to make this property acquisition possible," Cobb said. "We can finally begin to move forward with adding the development of baseball/softball fields and facilities for Kinston School to the district's capital plan."

Cobb added, "we are grateful the Mullins share in the Coffee County School's

vision for improving the Kinston School campus."

She said this acquisition and plan would be something to make the Kinston community proud. Board members concurred with those thoughts.

Members of the Kinston girl's softball team and coaches also were in attendance for the meeting to hear this announcement firsthand.

Also, during the meeting, the board approved several personnel matters to include the retirement of longtime central office staff member Jennifer Piland. She will retire July 1st as the central office secretary/clerk.

Cobb said the retirement of Piland is one no one looks forward to seeing because of the knowledge and value she brings to the job,

but she noted it was a well-deserved retirement. Again, board members concurred with the superintendent's sentiments.

Another retirement approved was that of Keven Hancock, a teacher at Kinston School, effective May 24th.

Teacher employments for the 2024-2025 school year included: Stacy Waldrop, reading specialist at Zion Chapel School; Rebecca Senn, teacher at Zion Chapel; Daniel Brasher, teacher at New Brockton High School; Hannah Patton, teacher at New Brockton High School; Tracy Whitaker, media specialist at New Brockton High School;

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Area Happenings

The May 2024 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. Also, Chapter 99 maintains a help desk located at the New Brockton Town Hall. Hours of operation are 9 - 11 a.m. each Wednesday. This is a free service to anyone desiring help with a VA claim. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, April 30, 2024, through Monday, May 6, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, April 30
- Animal complaint reported on County Rd 342 (9:34 a.m.); Grass fire reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (10:10 a.m.); Sexual assault/rape victim reported to Elba Police at Medical Center Enterprise (5:18 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 8770 Hwy 189 (7:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Cty Rd 217 (7:42 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in six citations, two written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, May 1 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (4:36 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 961 Hwy 203 (8:04 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 745 Williams Ave (9:04 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 911 Farris Ave (1:23 p.m.); Suspicious person

reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (6:53 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 1620 Boswell St (7:22 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and two citations.

Thursday, May 2 - Theft of property reported at 883 Troy Hwy (6:41 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 343 Brunson Circle (8:12 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and one citation.

Friday, May 3 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 145 Tiger Dr (12:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 14265 Hwy 84 (1:16 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 343 Brunson Circle (2:02 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (3:46 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1232 Ann St (5:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1240 Neil Grantham Dr (5:55 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two citations, four verbal warnings, and one written warning.

Saturday, May 4 - Suspicious person reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (6:53 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 1620 Boswell St (7:22 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and two citations.

ed at 632 N Claxton Ave (1:40 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (3:43 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (6:06 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 203 and Smith Ave (7:09 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Williams Ave (10:38 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three citations, and two verbal warnings.

Sunday, May 5 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 816 Putnam St (2:06 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 469 Claxton Ave (6:08 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 14265 Hwy 84 (1:16 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 343 Brunson Circle (2:02 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (3:46 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1232 Ann St (5:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1240 Neil Grantham Dr (5:55 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two citations, four verbal warnings, and one written warning.

Monday, May 6 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 20895 Hwy 87 (12:09 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (12:12 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 750 West St (6:47 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (8:38 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in seven written warnings, three verbal warnings, and one citation.

Monday, May 6 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 20895 Hwy 87 (12:09 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (12:12 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

We received a letter this week thanking the Elba Fire Department for the efforts of the firefighters in assisting a couple with a river rescue recently. The department used its airboat to come rescue the couple. They were very thankful for the firefighters and the piece of equipment. The same could probably be said of the man that needed help on the river last weekend too. This time, there was a medical trauma involved. Based on the details of the incident, the outcome of that rescue could have easily gone the wrong way had it not been for a well-equipped department, and very dedicated emergency responders all across the county. Many departments were involved in last weekend's rescue, and all did an outstanding job in working to ensure the patient got the help he needed! Well done to all involved in both instances...you make us proud to call you "ours" here in Elba and Coffee County.

We were working last Saturday but still attended the Rockin' the River event held on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. There were over 150 cars on display for the car show hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers! We enjoyed looking at all the vehicles...they sure were stylin'! We also stopped by some vendor booths, and we made a bid on some silent auction items while out and about. From what we could tell, it was a great event for the Restoration 154 group as there were people everywhere.

The Elba Country Club also brought a bunch of folks into town last weekend as a golf tournament was held there. Reportedly, that was a successful event for the country club too. If you enjoy golf, you need to go out to the club and play a round or two. Mike Capps and his grounds crew there have worked hard to make the course at the Elba Country Club one of the best around!

The Coffee County Board of Education made a move last week during the monthly board meeting that will make way for new baseball/softball facilities on the school campus at Kinston. This is something that school has needed/wanted for some time, and we are sure the folks there are thrilled. It takes some time to get such facilities constructed and ready to go, but at least the Kinston supporters know they now have something great to look forward to in the near future. It takes investment to make things better, and this was an investment many have wanted to see for quite some time.

As of this writing this week, Coffee County EMA folks say there is potential for some stormy weather Thursday night into Friday morning. While things could change between now and then, it is our prayer that if the stormy weather does make it to us that it will not be too bad. We do encourage all, however, to be weather-aware and prepared to take shelter just in case the bad stuff does come our way. Stay safe!!

 **Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder**

Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

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Letter to
the Editor**

Cuzin Lou Lou and the there were absolutely not Gang took a little road trip Sunday afternoon to enjoy a drive in the new Jeep, and the amazing thing was just enjoyed the ride!!

While Lou Lou does still tend to miss Lou 2, it does make her happy to know that she is able to keep the whole gang happy and willing to go Jeep riding in Oscar Mike!

There will surely be more to tell next week as the gang is heading out on a whole weekend trip this week, which means Little Bean will be tagging along too...stay tuned.

Until next time...

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Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 2024 at 5:00 P.M., Central Time, at the City of Elba City Hall located at 200 Buford St, Elba, AL 36323, the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama (the "City") will hold a meeting, which will constitute a public meeting, to consider, discuss, vote upon, and take other action authorizing and approving a Project Development Agreement between the City and Jack's Family Restaurants, LP ("Jack's"), under which Jack's will acquire property, construct and operate a Restaurant within the corporate limits of the City and the City will assist in the form of a sales tax rebate of seventy percent (70%) of the currently unobligated or non-reserved sales taxes generated by the Restaurant, for a period of no more than ten (10) years, and in an amount of no more than Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00) in total, for the purpose of promoting the development of commercial property within the city limits of Elba which is projected to create a significant number of full and part time jobs. The City believes that the Restaurant development together with the provision of the assistance will have at least the following public benefits: promote and continue economic and industrial development within the City, increase the City's tax revenue, provide additional employment opportunities for the City's citizens and otherwise promote the health, welfare, and prosperity of the citizens of the City. Further, the City will seek to determine at the public meeting whether the expenditure of public funds as described in this notice serves a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to any private person, entity, or entities.

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Obituaries

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LOU EMMA CREECH

Mrs. Lou Emma Creech, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, May 2, 2024, at her residence in Elba.



Funeral services were held Monday, May 6, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Early Town Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents - Frank and Nannie Mae Goss Rushing; brother - Jerry Rushing; sisters - Ernestine Legg & Violet Branch; sons - Gregory Stoke and Jimmy Harold Stokes; grandson - Daniel Gregory Stokes; and great-granddaughter - Jazlyn Hope Nevaeh LeGear.

Survivors include her daughter: Bridget Young (David Readinger), Elba; sons: Mark (Tracie) Stokes, and Derwin Stokes, both of Elba; granddaughters: Lakisha LeGear (Johnny Calloway), Elba, Isabella Stokes, Ozark, Ala., Tiffany Stokes, Enterprise, Ala.; grandsons: Ashley (Kora) LeGear, Elba, Jeremy (Lashea) Stokes, Jacksonville, Fla., Derrick Stokes, Elba, Wesley Stokes, Opp, Ala., Eric Stokes, Geneva, Ala., Scotty Stokes, Samson, Ala., and Brent Stokes, Elba; her sister: Madeline Geffre, Lindsey, Okla.; brother: Benny Joe (Frances) Rushing, Opp, Ala.; 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL THOMAS SMITH

Mr. Michael Thomas Smith, age 53, a resident of Millbrook, Ala., died unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at his home.



Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 3 p.m., at Basin Baptist Church, Elba, Ala. The Smith family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. at the church. Services will be directed by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Survivors include his parents: John Robert and Linda Smith, Elba; and his brother and sister-in-law: John Darren and Kelley Smith, and nephews, Joseph Darren Smith, and Jackson Davis Smith, all of Hahira, Ga.

SUE CAROL CAIN

Mrs. Sue Carol Cain, age 79, a resident of Pensacola, Fla., died Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola.

She was buried at New Home Cemetery in the family plot with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. serving the Cain family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Georgia Merle Teate Cain, by her father, Henry Austin Cain, along with her sister, Nina Brown, brother, George Cain, and a niece, Phyllis Hudson.

Survivors include her sister: Margaret Walters, Pensacola, Fla.; niece: Donna (Daniel) Sauvigne, Panama City, Fla.; along with numerous great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

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The grieving process varies from person to person, influenced by factors such as our relationship with our parent, age, previous encounters with death, and religious beliefs. Whether their passing was sudden or the culmination of a long illness, each individual's grief journey is unique, and no one can predict how it will unfold.

There are common reactions to the death of a loved one we may experience. Initially, shock may set in, leading us to deny the reality of their passing. This initial shock can gradually give way to numbness, creating a sense of detachment from the situation as if it were unfolding in a movie. Remember, these reactions are natural and serve as a buffer, allowing us to gradually come to terms with the truth.

During the grieving process, emotions such as anger and guilt may arise. We may find ourselves directing anger towards healthcare professionals, the funeral director, or even at God. If we believe our parent's death was preventable, we might experience anger towards them and subsequently feel guilty for harboring such emotions. Guilt may also manifest due to unresolved arguments or unfulfilled wishes, even for seemingly trivial things like missing a dinner invitation. It's important to recognize that these feelings are a normal part of the grieving process.

The mental and emotional impact of grief can take a toll on our physical well-being. Weight loss, sleep disturbances, irritability, listlessness, and even hair loss are not uncommon during this time. Additionally, as the initial shock subsides, we may experience secondary losses. These losses extend beyond the death of our parent and encompass the role they played in our lives as advisors, role models, and friends. The family home, once a gathering place for reunions, may now feel emptier. These secondary losses can intensify feelings of loneliness and longing for our parent's presence.

If we have children of our own, another challenging task awaits: telling them about the death of their grandparent. It is important to provide age-appropriate and honest explanations, avoiding misleading euphemisms that may cause confusion or fear. Children look to us for cues on how to navigate their own grief, so allowing them to witness our own grief and including them in the mourning process can be beneficial for their own healing.

If we find ourselves struggling to handle our grief, seeking professional help can be beneficial. There is no set timetable for grief, and it can be difficult to discern when professional support is needed. If concerns arise, reaching out to a counselor recommended by a funeral director, clergyperson, or doctor can provide guidance and reassurance that our reactions are normal. Remember, the path to healing is unique for each individual.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by ROCKY LANE EADY and DEBORA EADY, husband and wife, on the 20th day of April 2023, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in A/OFR Book 217A, Page 827, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on May 29, 2024, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying on the North side of Coffee County Road No. 129 (unpaved) and being a portion of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 21 East, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 26, said point being a 1/2" rebar; thence S00°00'00"W 806.64 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0537-LS) at the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described; thence N85°24'33"E 712.04 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0537-LS); thence S13°23'27"E 350.42 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0537-LS) lying on the North right of way of Coffee County Road No. 129; thence along said right of way S76°36'33"W 54.13 feet, S86°09'48"W 302.64 feet, S88°52'09"W 181.50 feet, S85°46'17"W 90.51 feet and S76°51'49"W 168.99 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0537-LS); thence leaving said road N00°00'00"E 365.35 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 1.00 acres, more or less.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2023 Southern Energy manufactured home, Serial Nos. CCV082707ALA and CCV082707ALB; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on June 5, 2024, during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number 6, in Block A of Slocomb Heights, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book I-3, Page 211, Records of the Probate Office, Geneva County, Alabama.

Property Address: 152 Jackson Avenue, Slocomb, AL 36375

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto

attorney for Geneva County Department of Human Resources

Alfred J. Danner

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Geneva, AL 36340

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of

Ewell Heath,

DECEASED.

Case No: 8716

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

To: Mavis Heath and Melinda Nelson, who are hereby given notice that a Petition for Probate of Will has been filed regarding Ewell Heath, in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, and this hearing is set for the 4th day of June, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. Done this 7th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge

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CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS



The Elba Ministerial Alliance hosted a National Day of Prayer event Thursday, May 2, on the Coffee County Courthouse lawn in Elba. Local pastors and citizens prayed for nation, first responders, churches, state, military, schools, city, county and more. The group pictured above attended Elba's National Day of Prayer service. This is held the first Thursday at noon each May.

Chosen Few to host Mother's Day Gathering at Shady Grove AME

Chosen Few will host a free Mother's Day Gathering at Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal [AME] Church on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Featured guest speakers will be Evangelist Veronica

Mitchell, Evangelist Melanie Caldwell, Evangelist Kalecia Starks, and Pastor Delphine Lee.

Shady Grove AME Church is located at 768 County Rd. 345, Elba, Ala. Pastor is Rev. James Booth.

Aglow International meeting set for May 18th in Enterprise, Alabama

Aglow International, Enterprise Ala., will meet Saturday, May 18, at the Community Lighthouse [217 S. Main Street], beginning at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Quinn Sherrer, from Destin, Fla. For more information call 334-406-9683.

Shady Grove AME Church to celebrate 154th Church Anniversary in late May

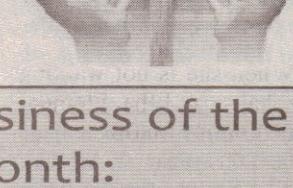
Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal [AME] Church will celebrate the 154th Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 26, at 3 p.m.

The church was established in 1870 by Rev. Elijah H. Daniels.

Guest speaker for the upcoming anniversary celebration will be Rev. Fred L Flowers, pastor of Parks Chapel AME Church, Dothan, Ala. All are invited to come "magnify the Lord."

Shady Grove AME Church is located at 768 County Rd. 345, Elba, Ala. Rev. James Booth is the current pastor.

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Church Directory

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . "Peak of the Week & meal" . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m., until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allan Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Billy James, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Leon Fortune, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Phillip Adecock, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

David Noble, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor

Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Garry Hankey, Minister

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J.R. Parks, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Godwin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH

Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:15 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Time . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RESCUE

eral different factors going," Chief Parker said. "Everyone involved knew their part, and it flowed well. There were obstacles, but we worked together to overcome those."

Once the sand was cleared from the boat ramp, three firefighters and an Enterprise Rescue paramedic supervisor proceeded up the river to meet the patient. When that contact was made, the patient was loaded into Airboat 1, and the medical crew immediately went to work assessing the patient and his needs.

It was determined the patient had suffered a deep laceration of the foot with arterial bleeding. Due to the seriousness of the injury, Enterprise Rescue Air 1 was requested for transport. IV access was established on scene, and whole blood products were administered to the patient to combat the massive blood loss.

Parker said the patient was transported back to Weeks Bridge to the waiting flight crew. That crew continued patient care while transporting the patient to a local trauma facility for further treatment.

"Not all EMS providers carry blood product, but we are fortunate in that Enterprise Rescue is a very proactive medical service provider," Parker said. "The ability to be able to admin-

ister the blood product on scene was very important in this rescue."

The fire chief said this incident was a true testament to the great agencies in the local area and how well everyone works together. He said dispatchers with Coffee County 911 did a great job gathering and relaying information while also ensuring the patient was being medically cared for by his party until help could arrive. Coffee County EMA being on scene to help obtain resources needed, the county highway department clearing the boat ramp of sand, and deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office blocking the roadway at the bridge all helped make sure this rescue had a positive outcome.

"Our airboat is a unique piece of equipment for a unique need," Chief Parker said. "Incidents like the one last Saturday really show the need for it. We are fortunate to have the great support we have to be able to obtain the equipment we have here in Elba."

When the airboat was purchased a few years back, he said it was made possible by a partnership with the City of Elba, Coffee County, and fire monies the local department had available.

"It has definitely been the answer to a lot of issues

on the river," Parker said. "Last Saturday's incident evolved quickly. Without the airboat, we would really be bound in what we can do when it comes to helping those that get in trouble on the river. The outcome could have been much different last weekend had we not had that boat."

Parker said emergency responders never know what the next call might be for them. He said all they can do is have the best resources they can available to be able to answer the call.

While emergency calls on the river usually are for stranded persons, there are times, like last weekend, when the need is much more serious with a medical trauma.

"We have good support here, and our local agencies all work well together," Chief Parker said. "We are going to keep working to make sure we are ready for the call whatever the next one may be, and I am going to keep going after those grants to try and make sure our department has the best equipment it can available to help when those calls do come in to us."

Reportedly, the patient from last weekend's incident is doing very well in his recovery process — a true testament of great work by all involved in the rescue efforts last weekend.

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creates daily. Team work, meeting goals, and helping children know they are loved while they are learning goes on daily under her leadership!"

Elba City School employee Patricia Jordan added, "She is an amazing leader. ECS is blessed to have her. There are good things happening under her leadership."

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EES

in counseling and psychology along with her administration and leadership certificate.

Deanne Thomas, a retired Elba educator that has continued to help at the school, commented, "I am so thankful Mrs. Martin asked me to help at EES when I retired a few years ago! I enjoy every day that I go to work because of the atmosphere she

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and Daniel Hart, teacher at Kinston School.

Board members approved transferring Jamie Hamilton from special education teacher at New Brockton Middle School to special education teacher at New Brockton High School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Emily Roberts, counselor at Zion Chapel School, was granted catastrophic leave from April 15th – May 23rd.

Regarding support personnel, resignations were accepted from Lakresha Johnson, custodian at New Brockton Elementary School; Nilsa San Miguel, instructional aide at New Brockton High School; Beverly Haggard and Amanda Chinn, both CNP workers at New Brockton High School.

Chastity Jinright, CNP worker at Zion Chapel School was non-renewed for next school year, and Ashley Grantham, secretary/bookkeeper at New Brockton Elementary School was transferred to secretary/bookkeeper at the central office.

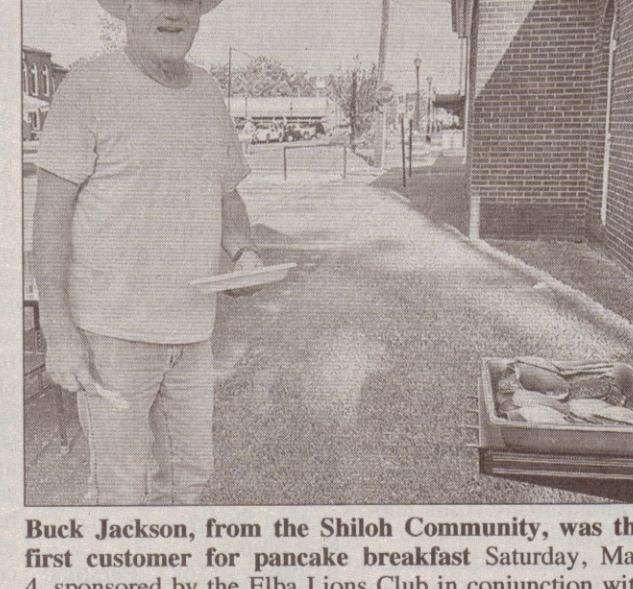
Support staff employ-

ments approved included Camila Harper as instructional aide for New Brockton High School next school year; Kadra Vignola as CNP worker at Zion Chapel School next school year; and Mariella Galindo as a 10-month custodian for New Brockton High School.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the central office in Elba.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.



Buck Jackson, from the Shiloh Community, was the first customer for pancake breakfast Saturday, May 4, sponsored by the Elba Lions Club in conjunction with Rockin the River music and arts festival & the Foggy Bottom Cruisers Car Show.

LARGE AUCTION

THE ESTATE OF TOM TINDOL



WHAT: / Tools / Farm Equipment & Vehicles
WHEN: 9:00 AM, Saturday, May 18, 2024
WHERE: 999 County Road 228, Elba, Alabama

Enterprise man sentenced to life in prison for manslaughter conviction in 2019 case

An Enterprise, Ala. man found guilty of manslaughter at the conclusion of his jury trial in March appeared in court Thursday, May 2, for his sentencing hearing.

Emmanuel Key was found guilty of manslaughter in the shooting of 42-year-old Stevie Franklin, who was shot in the back during a fight at the Daleville Lounge in 2019. Franklin was a security guard at the lounge at the time of his death.

Last Thursday, Key appeared in the Coffee County Circuit Court before Judge Shannon Clark. Following testimony and evidence, Judge Clark sentenced Key to a term of life imprisonment in the Alabama Department of Corrections.

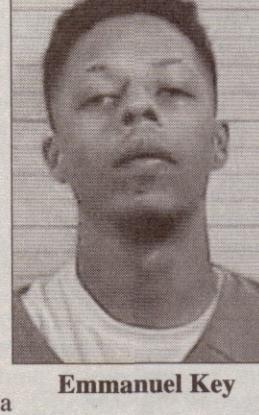
At the sentencing the state was represented by Assistant District Attorneys Mary Katherine Head and Kylie Foor. ADA Head presented evidence outlining Key's lengthy criminal history, to include three prior felony convictions, a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction, and a conviction for misdemeanor assault.

Other evidence introduced showed how Key had been afforded the opportunity to complete a drug rehabilitation program on two occasions prior to the killing of Franklin, but he was terminated and failed to complete the programs on both occasions.

"Members of Stevie Franklin's family and the mother of his daughter gave victim impact statements detailing the kind and gentle nature of Franklin," District Attorney James Tarbox said.

Franklin's significant other was 30-weeks pregnant at the time of the killing, and the daughter he never got to meet is now four years old.

"I appreciate the hard work and dedication of ADA Head and ADA Foor. Their work on the trial of this matter and the sentencing hearing has led to the conviction of a dangerous man in Defendant Key," Tarbox said. "Defendant Key will now have to one day hope the parole board decides he can be released from custody. Our office's opinion is that in Defendant Key's case, life should mean life."



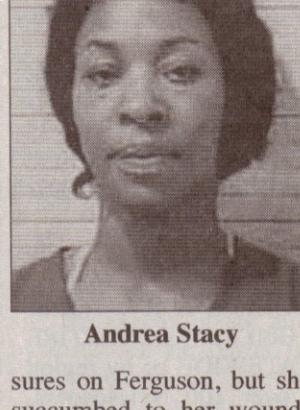
Emmanuel Key

Enterprise woman pleads guilty to manslaughter for 2021 vehicle crash that claimed another's life

An Enterprise, Ala. woman appeared Wednesday, May 1, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County entering a guilty plea for manslaughter stemming from a 2021 vehicle crash.

Andrea Stacy last week entered the guilty plea to Circuit Court Judge Sonny Reagan to the charge of manslaughter for causing the death of Brittanie Ferguson in a December 2021 car crash. Based upon a negotiated settlement, Stacy was sentenced to 20 years in the Alabama Department of Corrections, that sentence was split for three years executed, with the balance of 17 years suspended for 5 years of supervised probation.

"Evidence in the case showed that on December 23, 2021, Defendant Stacy was traveling in the wrong lane of traffic on Highway 27 in Enterprise when her vehicle struck the vehicle being driven by Ferguson," Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox said. "Enterprise Fire and Enterprise Rescue attempted life saving mea-



Andrea Stacy

sures on Ferguson, but she succumbed to her wounds while en route to Medical Center Enterprise."

Tarbox said Stacy was extricated from her vehicle.

"While on the scene, Defendant Stacy smelled strong alcohol, and she was witnessed holding a wine bottle," he said. "Defendant Stacy's blood was drawn and the sample sent to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, which returned testing results showing Defendant Stacy had a Blood Alcohol Content of .212, nearly

three times the legal limit."

The district attorney said last week's outcome would not bring Brittanie Ferguson back, but it should serve as a reminder to anyone who may drink and drive that there are consequences for those actions.

"In this case, Brittanie Ferguson and her family have paid the ultimate price for Defendant Stacy's actions," Tarbox said.

After being released from custody, Stacy will have to abide by the terms and conditions of probation or risk having to serve another 17 years in prison.

"I appreciate the work of Assistant District Attorney Jeremy Mitchell in preparing this case for trial," Tarbox said. "I also appreciate the Enterprise Police Department, Enterprise Fire Department, Enterprise Rescue, the Coffee County Coroner's Office, and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for their work on the investigation of this matter."



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-038

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Letters Testamentary, without bond, of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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c/o April D. Wise, Esq.
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LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Pages 3 & 6)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of WILLOW JEAN SPIKES, Deceased.
Case No. 24-730

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Alex Copeland and Barbara Copeland, as Executors of the Estate of Willow Jean Spikes, deceased, who departed from this life on the 5th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Alex Copeland and Barbara Copeland

Executors of the Estate of Willow Jean Spikes, deceased
4/25/5/2&9-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of PHOEBE SUE DOWLING Deceased.
Case No. 24-722

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed having been granted to Jeffery Daniel Dowling, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Phoebe Sue Dowling, deceased, on the 16th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Jeffery Daniel Dowling Personal Representative of the Estate of Phoebe Sue Dowling
4/25/5/2&9-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES WYLIE BRANNEN, DECEASED, DEANA B. WASHBURN, PETITIONER.
CASE NO.: 24-732

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of James Wylie Brannen, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of April, 2024, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Deana B. Washburn
Deana B. Washburn Personal Representative Attorney for Estate:

Jeffery D. Hatcher P.O. Box 189

Geneva, Alabama 36340

4/25/5/2&9-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of IVAN GLENN DAVIS, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-068

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Ivan Glenn Davis having been granted to Lovie M. Davis, Personal Representative, on the 22nd day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 22nd day of April, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge

4/25/5/2&9-pd.

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Mattie Threat a/k/a Mattie Gould Threat, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is

Probate Court Case No.: PR-2024-061

In the Matter of the Estate of Devan Lamar Foster, deceased.

Letter of Administration on the estate of said decedent having been granted to Robyn Smith on the 24th day of April, 2024, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law or else will be forever barred.

Robyn Smith

Administrator/Personal Representative

of the Estate of Devan Lamar Foster,

deceased

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Attorney for Personal Representative

5/2,9&16-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
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/s/ Acquelyn Threat Head
Acquelyn Threat Head
Personal Representative of said Estate
5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID K. COLLINS, Deceased.

CASE NO. 24-744

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Carla E. Collins on the 2nd day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L.

Seay, Judge of the Probate Court

SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School gets out for the summer in two weeks and with one student, two teachers and this 'ole bus driver in the family I can assure you those two weeks can't come fast enough. We all enjoy our jobs and Lawson enjoys going to school and learning, but after ten months the time has come for an extended break to allow us all to unwind and catch up on some rest. I bet we aren't the only ones counting down the days!

For what it is worth....

*** **The high school softball season** heads into regional play this week and it looks like another busy week for teams from Coffee County as Elba, Enterprise, Kinston and Zion Chapel will all head down to Gulf Shores looking to take the next step toward a state title. When you add Opp, Brantley, Red Level and Luverne to that list, odds look pretty good for at least one of the teams to make it to Oxford next week with a title on the line. Elba has been somewhat of a surprise team this season with a line-up that included only two starters back from a year ago and only two senior starters in this year's line-up, while Zion Chapel has stunned the area and rolled up over 30 wins with a team that many believe has a solid chance at moving on to the state tournament; Kinston is young, but very talented and has already shown it fears no one every time it takes the field; and, Brantley always moves state championship trophies around in its trophy case this time of the year to make room for what they believe will be another one just days away from finding a new home. I told everyone weeks ago that this was going to be an exciting softball season for all the players, coaches and fans, and that prediction is still ringing true.

*** **The high school baseball season ended** for area teams last week when Brantley was knocked out of the 1A tournament, but it was also a fun ride in baseball as the Bulldogs advanced to the third round, and joined Elba, New Brockton and Enterprise in extending the season into the post-season. I read a lot about baseball powers across the state and their success. However, teams down here in this area of the state are pretty darn good, too, and make spring a fun time of the year for the fans to get out and cheer.

*** **The Elba Tigers were out working** on the football practice field last week and after a talk with Coach Marc Sieving am convinced the Tigers are working hard to make another run toward a state title. Elba has piled up the wins in recent years and is now recognized as a state power in the 1A ranks, but has yet to make it to the 'ship and being home a blue map. While many area fans think their time may have already passed to bring home a state crown, I still believe this bunch is determined to get it done and will be more than ready to take the field in a couple of months.

*** **In closing....** I have to give thanks to the people at GameChanger and all the area teams for providing me with the stats of all the high school baseball and softball games this season. The nationwide service made it possible for me to give the teams and players the credit and publicity they deserve, and when I attend games it is always fun to hear someone call a teammate by name and feel like I know the player because of the fact I have typed in their name countless times. It can be hard work and can take time, but I do it for the players and the fans, and for almost fifty years have felt like a part of every team we covered in the paper. I also have to give thanks to all the fans that made photos and allowed me to use their pictures in the paper each and every week. This too is a team effort!

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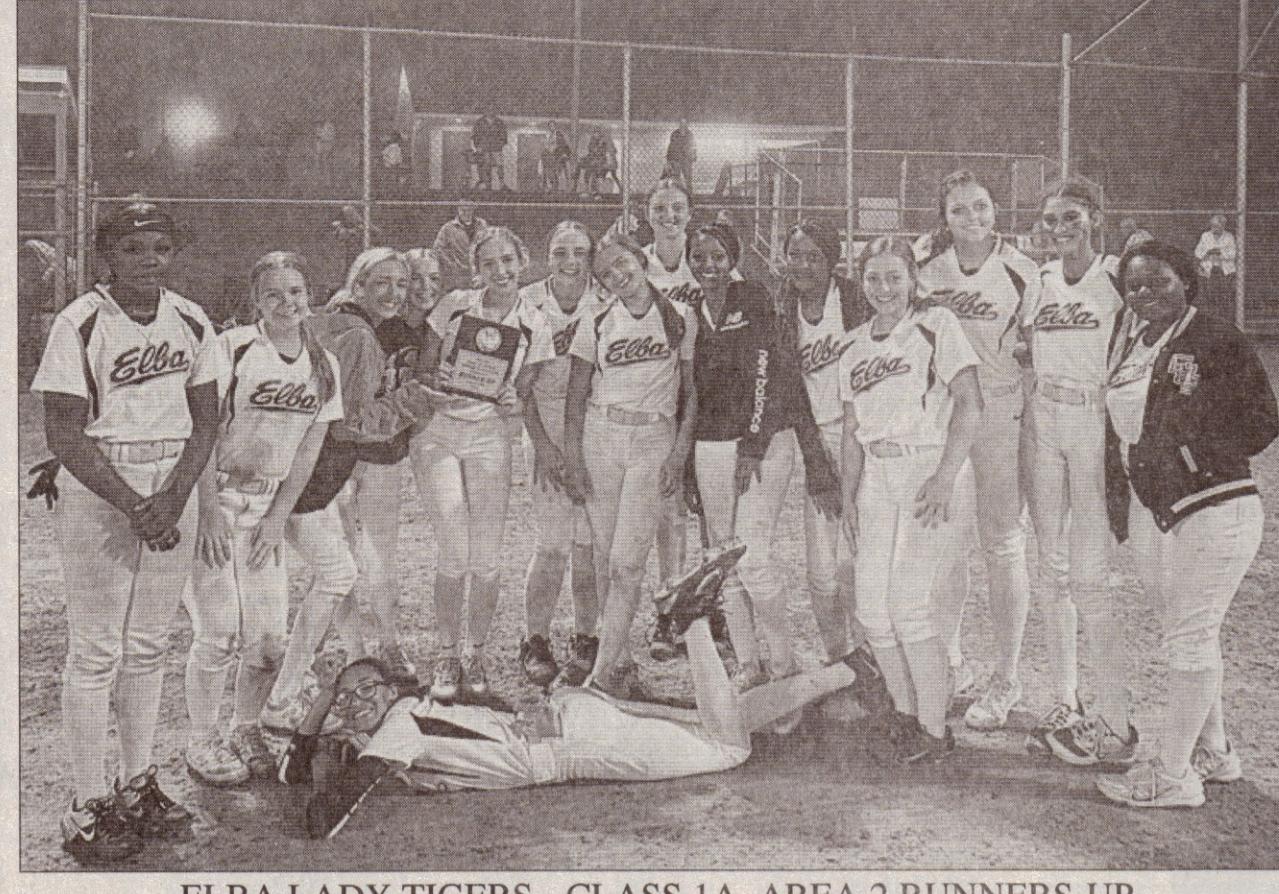
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ELBA LADY TIGERS - CLASS 1A, AREA 2 RUNNERS-UP

Elba advances to South Region

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The Elba Lady Tigers punched their ticket to the South Region high school softball tournament for the second straight year with a runner-up finish at the Class 1A, Area 2 high school softball tournament, last week at Kinston.

"Our obvious goal was to win the area tournament," stated Coach Melissa Mularz, "and while we were disappointed we didn't achieve that goal, we did qualify for the South Region and that was also a goal all season long. We played pretty well on defense for the most part and hit well at times, but have to be more consistent at the plate if we are going to be successful at Gulf Shores against some of the state's top teams."

"Our goal heading to Gulf Shores will be to win the tournament and advance to state," added Coach Mularz. "We know it won't be easy. It isn't supposed to be. However, if we play our best I do believe we can compete and shock a lot of folks."

The Lady Tigers opened the five-team tournament against third-seed Florala and scored in every inning to claim a 15-0 win, in four innings.

Elba loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning when Danielle Tidwell and Kaleigh Russell were both hit by pitches and Destinee Tidwell drew a walk, and the Lady Tigers jumped in front 2-0 when Danielle Tidwell scored on a wild pitch and Russell raced home after a passed ball.

Elba loaded the bases again in the second inning when Danielle Tidwell was again hit by a pitch and Keelie Moseley and Kaleigh Russell both drew walks. Mary O'Neal delivered a key two-out single to drive in a pair of runs as the Lady Tigers upped their lead to 4-0.

It was the same story in the third inning as consecutive walks to Ayrika Caldwell and Lady Stinson put runners on base, and this time Haley Tucker came through with a two-run double, Danielle Tidwell delivered an RBI single and Ana Caldwell added an RBI double to help the Lady Tigers grab an 8-0 advantage after three innings.

Elba's first two batters got out in the bottom of the fourth; however, the third out never happened as the Lady Tigers plated seven runs to post the 15-0 win. Lady Stinson and Keelie Moseley both drew walks and Danielle Tidwell was hit by a pitch for the third time in the game to load the bases, while Kaleigh Russell added an RBI single, Ana Caldwell added a two-run double, Ayrika Caldwell added an RBI single, and Mary O'Neal added an RBI single and later scored on an error as Elba opened the tournament with the win.

Ana Caldwell had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Destinee Tidwell added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 RBI's; Mary O'Neal added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; Kaleigh Russell added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 RBI; Haley Tucker added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's; Danielle Tidwell added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; Lady Stinson added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; and, Keelie Moseley scored 1 run. Ayrika Caldwell pitched four innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, while striking out seven.

Elba fell behind 9-0 in the bottom of the first inning and never recovered in a 15-1 semifinal loss to Kinston.

Kinston combined five hits with four walks and an Elba error to take command early, and while the Lady Tigers did get on the scoreboard in the second on a towering solo

Elba Tiger golfers place second at 1A-2A Section tournament

The Alabama High School Athletic Association held its sectional qualifying golf tournaments last week across the state with the Elba Tigers placing second in Class 1A-2A, Section 1, at Cambrian Ridge, in Greenville.

The second place finish moved the Tigers into sub-state action this week, also at Cambrian Ridge, against Pike Liberal Arts, Bayshore Christian, Wicksburg, Tuscaloosa Academy, Holy Spirit Catholic, Altamont and Locust Fork.

The 322 team total put the Tigers second behind Pike Liberal Arts (311), while other teams qualifying for sub-state were Bayshore Christian (326) and Wicksburg (330). Brantley missed the top four and fired a team total of 401.

Jay Wilson led Elba with a 75, followed by Trace Grantham (77), Powell Bane (84) and Alex Wisecup (86).

Also qualifying for sub-state play as individuals were Samson's Coy Ingram (71) and Luke Reid (77), and Brantley's Cooper Layton (80).

In Class 3A, Section 1 action, New Brockton advanced to sub-state play with a fourth place finish. The Gamecocks fired a team total of 401.

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home-run by Ana Caldwell and battled until their final at-bat, the early deficit was too much to overcome as they fell into the loser's bracket.

Ana Caldwell hit a solo homer and Kaleigh Russell added a single to lead Elba at the plate, while Mary O'Neal and Jaden Caldwell combined to pitch four innings and allowed 13 earned runs on 12 hits and eight walks.

The Lady Tigers kept alive their tourney title hopes and punched their ticket to the South Region with a big 15-5 win over Pleasant Home.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Danielle and Destinee Tidwell both walked and later scored on an error, but the Lady Tigers failed to add to their lead in the second and carried a slim 2-1 lead into inning number three. Mary B. O'Neal and A'Lyric Whitfield both delivered key RBI singles in the third to ignite a 5-run rally that pushed the lead to 7-1, while in the sixth the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 9-1 thanks to an RBI double by O'Neal and an RBI single by Ayrika Caldwell.

The Lady Tigers loaded the bases early in the seventh and left the bases loaded, but scored six runs in between the first and third outs to take a 15-1 lead. Elba took advantage of six walks in the inning, while Mary B. O'Neal had a two-run single and Danielle Tidwell came through with an RBI single as the Lady Tigers sealed the deal on the win.

Mary B. O'Neal had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Ana Caldwell and A'Lyric Whitfield both added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 RBI; Danielle Tidwell added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI; Destinee Tidwell added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Ayrika Caldwell added 1 hit and 1 RBI; Haylee Tucker added 1 hit; Kaleigh Russell scored 2 runs; and, Lady Stinson scored 1 run. Ayrika Caldwell was the winning pitcher as she tossed six and one-third innings and allowed three earned runs on two hits and seven walks, while recording 13 strikeouts. O'Neal got the game's final two outs and struck out one.

The Lady Tigers were forced to settle for runner-up honors with a 9-1 loss to Kinston, in the tourney finals. Elba fell behind 6-0 in the second inning, and while they battled until the final out and forced the game to go seven innings, it could never recover from the early deficit and took the loss.

Elba loaded the bases in the top of the first inning with two outs when Danielle and Destinee Tidwell both reached on bunt singles and Mary B. O'Neal was hit by a pitch, but the Lady Tigers left the bases loaded and could only watch as Kinston scored early to grab a 6-0 lead after two innings. The Lady Tigers loaded the bases again, this time with no outs, in the fourth inning on consecutive bunt singles by Ana Caldwell, O'Neal and A'Lyric Whitfield, and scored when Jadyn Caldwell laid down a bunt. However, the Lady Tigers again left the bases loaded as the rally failed to produce any more runs.

Elba stranded two more runners on base in the sixth after hits by Whitfield and Lady Stinson, and while it did score in the seventh when Kaleigh Russell singled and later scored on an RBI single by Ana Caldwell, it was too little, too late, as the Lady Tigers fell 9-2.

Ana Caldwell had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI to lead Elba at the plate, while Kaleigh Russell added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Destinee Tidwell, Mary B. O'Neal, A'Lyric Whitfield, Lady Stinson, Danielle Tidwell and Jadyn Caldwell all added 1 hit. Jadyn Caldwell pitched six innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits and 6 walks.

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SPORTS NEWS



KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS - CLASS 1A, AREA 2 CHAMPIONS

Picks up three wins

Kinston claims 1A, Area 2 title

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs hosted the Class 1A, Area 2 high school softball tournament last week and rolled to three convincing wins to claim the tournament championship and earn the right to compete this week at the South Region tournament, in Gulf Shores.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to open the tournament with a 14-1 win over Pleasant Home. Lyla Bruce had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Lilli Sumblin had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Lauren Norris added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; and, Aubrie Brown added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's. Sumblin and Camdyn Norris combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, while striking out 10.

The Lady Bulldogs

met Elba in the winner's bracket finals and rolled to a 15-1 win. Kinston scored nine runs in the bottom of the first inning to take command and never looked back to claim the big win. Brynne Kelley had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Madisyn Jones added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Lauren Norris and Aubrey Norris both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin, Camdyn Norris and Lauren Norris combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on two hits, while striking out 17.

The Lady Bulldogs ran into Elba again in the tournament finals and this time posted a 9-2 win to claim the tournament title. Kinston opened up a 6-0 second inning lead and rolled to the big win to take the crown. Brynne Kelley

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ZION CHAPEL LADY REBELS - CLASS 2A, AREA 4 CHAMPIONS

Wins area title

Zion Chapel remains on a roll

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels continued their historic season last week as they posted three wins to claim the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament title and earned the eight to advance to this week's South Region tournament, in Gulf Shores.

The Lady Rebels led all the way to post a lopsided 17-0 win over Goshen, in their tournament opener. Riley Bannin had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and, Sydney Boothe and Riley Bannin both added 2 hits and 2 rbi's. Bannin pitched seven innings and allowed

Kidd added 2 hits and 2 rbi's; and, Shea Wambles added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Sydney Boothe pitched a three-inning no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

The Lady Rebels ran into Luverne again in the tournament finals and rolled to a convincing 10-0 win to win the tournament title. Shea Wambles had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Amber Kidd added 2 hits; and, Emily Rhodes added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Riley Bannin pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, with five strikeouts.

In 1A baseball playoffs

Brantley eliminated by Florala

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their season come to an end last week in the third round of the Class 1A state playoffs with a 6-2, 2-0 doubleheader loss to the Florala Wildcats.

In the opening 6-2 loss, the Bulldogs saw an early 1-0 lead evaporate and were never able to rally. Thomas Williamson had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Cooper Layton added 1 rbi. Layton and Colton Searey combined to pitch six innings and allowed five earned runs on seven hits and six walks, while striking out five.

In the 2-0 loss, the Bulldogs battled for all seven innings, but were unable to get on the scoreboard and saw their season end with an 18-7 record. Jayden Parks, Chaz Branum and AJ

Kilpatrick all had 1 hit to lead Brantley at the plate, while Parks also pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits and four walks, with eight strikeouts.

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BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOGS - CLASS 1A, AREA 3 CHAMPIONS

Continues area dominance

Brantley takes 1A, Area 3 crown

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy last week at the Class 1A, Area 3 softball tournament as they outscored Georgiana 20-0 and Red Level 13-0 to win the tournament title and advance to this week's South Region tournament, in Gulf Shores.

In the 20-0 win over Georgiana, the Lady Bulldogs used a 19-run first inning to take command and coasted to the three-inning victory. Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Coco Stamps added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Kaitlyn Piggott added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Mary Driggers added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Anna Parker Little and Alex Grimes combined to pitch a three-inning no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

In the 13-0 win over Red Level, the Lady Bulldogs combined three hits with

18 walks to claim the area title. Hope Richardson had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Savannah Nichols added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Mary Driggers added

1 hit and scored 1 run, and Coco Stamps and Alex Grimes both scored 2 runs.

Anna Parker Little and Alex Grimes combined to pitch a five-inning no-hitter with three strikeouts.

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Rockin' the River festival and car show draws large crowd to Elba



The 2024 Rockin' the River Festival and Foggy Bottom Cruisers Car Show were held together last Saturday, May 4, in Elba, and a large crowd was in attendance for the events. Over 150 vehicles were on display around the courthouse square for car enthusiasts to enjoy while arts and crafts and other events were taking place too. The Elba Theatre housed art demonstrations and a silent auction, and there was entertainment throughout the day on the main stage.

Restoration 154 hosts the Rockin the River festival each year, and the Foggy Bottom Cruisers join them by hosting the car show. Many said this was the biggest yet for the event, and they look forward to an even bigger day next year!



The Elba Queens hosted a Puppy Pageant in conjunction with Rockin the River last Saturday, May 4, and the winner, Smudge, is pictured above with the queens. Queens are (front, l to r) Future Little Miss Elba Ava Astemborski, Miss Elba Alyssa McFarland, and Little Miss Elba Farris Mauldin; (back, l to r) Petite Miss Elba Ella Pugh, Young Miss Elba Piper Astemborski, and Junior Miss Elba Taylor Day.



This 1954 Chevy truck was deemed the overall "Best in Show" at last Saturday's Foggy Bottom Cruisers' Car Show in Elba.



Checking out the nice rides on display at the Foggy Bottom Cruisers' Car Show last Saturday in Elba.

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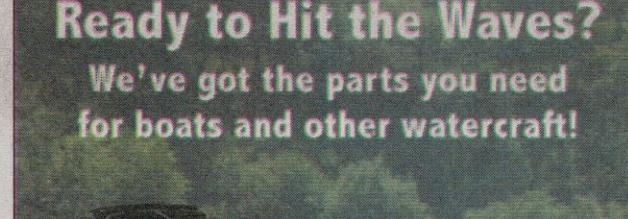
There also was plenty of entertainment for all to enjoy last Saturday as part of the Rockin' the River event in downtown Elba.



Ella Pugh enjoyed one of the artistic demonstrations held at the Elba Theatre during Rockin the River.

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